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Mr. Ralph A. Sotak  
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Dear Mr. Sotak:

Subj: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA); CASE NUMBER  
DON-NAVY-2018-008819

We are writing to respond to your request. We have enclosed 197 pages of records, which are being released to you in part. Portions of these materials are being withheld under the following FOIA Exemptions:

- 1) We are withholding 14 pages in part under FOIA Exemption 4 (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4)). Exemption 4 protects trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential.
- 2) We are withholding 35 pages in part under FOIA Exemption 6 (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)). Exemption 6 protects information that, if disclosed, would invade another individual's personal privacy.
- 3) We are withholding one page in part under FOIA Exemption 9 (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(9)). Exemption 9 contains geological information on wells.

If you consider this to be an adverse determination, you may appeal. Since you have created an account in FOIAonline, you may submit an appeal directly within the web-based system. To do this, you would log in to your account, retrieve your original request, and then click on the "Create Appeal" tab in the left-hand column. The basic information from your request will be duplicated for you, and then you can type in the basis of your appeal. If you prefer to use regular mail, you may submit an appeal to:

The Department of the Navy  
Office of the General Counsel (ATTN: FOIA APPEALS)  
1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532  
Washington, DC 20350-1000

Your appeal, if any, must be postmarked within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should include a copy of your initial request, a copy of this letter, and a statement indicating why you believe your appeal should be granted. For any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you have the right to contact the Department of the Navy FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Christopher Julka, at christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031.

Additionally, you have the right to contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-01, [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Further questions regarding the action this office has taken may be directed to Abby Machalec, [abby.machalec@navy.mil](mailto:abby.machalec@navy.mil). Please refer to your FOIA case number DON-NAVY-2018-008819 whenever corresponding about this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. A. Pollock', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

P. A. POLLOCK  
Chief Management Officer

Enclosure: 28 PDF Records

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